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Remarks/Arguments**1. Amendments to the Specification**

To facilitate in the reporting of Governmental License Rights in the present application, the Applicants have amended the written specification. Specifically, the U.S. Government has a paid-up license in this invention and the right in limited circumstances to require the patent owner to license others on reasonable terms as provided for by the terms of N66001-98-1-8914 awarded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

2. Amendments to the Claims

Applicants note with appreciation the finding of allowable subject matter recited in claims 17, 35, and 246-256. To that end, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 17 that was considered allowable, and amended claim 19 to include the subject matter of claim 35 that was considered allowable. As a result, Applicants respectfully contend that claims 1 and 19, as amended, define inventions suitable for patent protection.

a. *Rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph*

In the Office action, claims 1, 19, and 246 were rejected as allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regarded as the invention. To that end, claims 1, 19, and 246 have been amended to comport with the requirement set

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forth in 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

3. Dependent Claims

Considering that the dependent claims include all of the features of the independent claims from which they depend, these claims are patentable to the extent that the independent claims are patentable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully contend that the dependent claims define methods suitable for patent protection.

Applicants respectfully request examination of the amended claims in view of the remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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